



## KILLASHEE MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL NATIONAL SCHOOL

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January 2025 Newsletter

**A message from the principal:** I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their patience and support during the inclement weather earlier this month. A special shout out to Mark for spreading salt on our first day back after the snow and ice – your help made a big difference. A very Happy Chinese New Year to all those in our community, celebrations begin on 29<sup>th</sup> January with the Lunar Festival.

**Punctuality Matters:** This term, we are placing a strong emphasis on punctuality. The school gates open at 8:45 am, and class begins promptly at 9:00 am. While occasional lateness can happen, we've noticed a pattern of some students arriving late regularly. When pupils arrive on time for school, they have the opportunity to start their day calmly and with focus. Being punctual helps your child fully participate in the morning routines, which often include settling in, engaging in activities that set the tone for the day, and building connections with their peers. Arriving late can disrupt not only your child's learning but also the classroom environment as a whole. I understand that occasional delays are unavoidable due to unforeseen circumstances, and I appreciate your efforts to ensure your child arrives at school promptly each day. I have noticed an improvement among those who were arriving late earlier in the year. Keep up the fantastic effort and continue working on this!

**Reporting Absences:** Please remember to record any absences via the Databiz app or by emailing your child's teacher. Thank you for keeping us informed.

**Homework Policy Updates:** We're in the process of updating and reviewing our homework policy. Classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> and parents have completed surveys. We are beginning to collate the data and will communicate the results to you in the coming weeks

**Sundry Payments:** Thank you to those who have paid or continue to pay their sundry charges. For those who have yet to do so, a gentle reminder: if you're experiencing difficulty, please feel free to contact the office or myself to discuss arrangements.

**Junior Infant Parent-Teacher Meetings:** Meetings will take place on February 10th, 11th, and 12th with Ms. Quinn. Please select your appointment time via the Eolas App if you haven't done so already.

**Cumann Na mBunscol Quiz:** Congratulations to Daniel, Larry, Alfie, and Devin for an impressive top ten finish at the recent quiz in Ballymany! It was excellent preparation for the upcoming Credit Union Quiz. Huge thanks to Mr. Sheehan for coaching both the junior and senior teams. Best of luck to both teams in the first round of the Credit Union Quiz next month!



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**Peace Proms:** Our 5th and 6th Classes are hard at work preparing for the Peace Proms at the RDS on Saturday, February 1st. Performing with a live orchestra will be an unforgettable experience for our students. The bus will leave at 10:30 am from Killashee on Saturday please note, there will be no return bus. A big thank you to Ms. Cassidy for her dedication to the choir.



**Lost and Found:** The foyer is currently filled with unnamed coats, jackets and uniforms. If your child is missing any items, please check the lost property area. Unclaimed items will be recycled or donated after the Bank Holiday weekend.

A small ring with a pink stone was also found and handed in to the main office if anyone is missing it.

**School Pitch Update:** The completion of the school pitch has been slightly delayed due to the weather this month. Netting and fencing are ongoing this week we hope to finalise the hand over the pitch very soon. To support the project, the Student Council are organising a fundraiser: "Funathon" on Wednesday, February 19th. Students in 3rd-6th classes will plan and run their own stalls. More details to follow!



**Staffing Updates:** A warm welcome, to Ms. Nicole McWilliams. She joins our Special Education team, and we're delighted to have her on board. We wish Ms Maeve Scully well on her maternity leave.

**Recent Events:** We had a fantastic trip to the Gaiety Panto, where the children were commended for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. They were a fantastic audience and almost lifted the roof of the Gaiety Theatre off when Killashee School were mentioned! A credit to themselves, their parents and their school.

**Swimming Lessons:** Swimming sessions will commence for all students in 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> from March to June at various intervals throughout the next terms. All students will attend for a five week block. **We will begin with 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. Dates for 6<sup>th</sup> are as follows: March: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (All Tuesdays)** Payment can be made via the app from next week. Dates for other classes will be communicated before the Easter break.

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, this coming weekend. School will re-open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,

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